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MANSFIELD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Regular Meeting – Regional Economic Development Forum
Thursday, October 22, 2015
Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

Members Present: S. Ferrigno, J. McGuire, M. Hirschorn, D. Fecho, G. Thompson, A. Marcellino (ex officio), S. Kegler (ex officio)

Staff Present: Linda Painter, Cynthia VanZelm

S. Ferrigno called the meeting to order at 5:37.

Public Comment: No public comment was received.

Approval of Minutes: J. McGuire noted an error in the September 24, 2015 meeting minutes. Under New Business Item 1: Brew Pub, in the second paragraph, first sentence the word “public” should be replaced with “pub.” J. McGuire MOVED and D. Fecho seconded to approve the minutes of September 24, 2015 with the correction. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

1. **Brew Pub:** A. Marcellino raised a concern about parking problems at Storrs Center. The commission adopted the following motion: J. McGuire MOVES, D. Fecho seconds to send a memo to the Town Council and Planning and Zoning Commission requesting that they begin the process of amending the Code of Ordinances and Zoning Regulations to allow brew pubs in Mansfield. Such letter should include the analysis prepared by Kevin Filchak and distributed to the Commission at the September meeting. Motion approved unanimously.
2. **2015 Work Plan:** Painter distributed the adopted Economic Development chapter of the Plan of Conservation and Development.

New Business:

1. **2016 Meeting Schedule:** M. Hirschorn MOVED and J. McGuire seconded to approve the 2016 meeting schedule. The motion passed unanimously.

Reports:

- **Staff Update:** M. Hirschorn would like to discuss roles and responsibilities of the EDC at the next meeting. A. Marcellino suggested circulating the responsibilities of the EDC according to Connecticut General Statutes and Town Ordinances among the EDC members.
- **Business Activity:** S. Ferrigno noted that Deanston House will be hosting “Game Day Buffets” with parking and shuttle service to Gampel Pavilion. He suggested contacting UConn to see if similar arrangements could be made with other local restaurants.

- **Events**
- **Chamber of Commerce/Mansfield Business Professional Association (MBPA):** The MBPA held their first meeting on October 15th. Bonnie Kumiega with Updike Kelley and Spellacy is the new chair of the MBPA. The next meeting is scheduled for December 9th at 8:30 a.m. at the Mansfield Community Center.
- **Other**

Adjournment: S. Ferrigno adjourned the meeting at 6:43.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Painter, AICP
Director of Planning and Development